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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: TATT, MPOL, PCAT, KS, US  
SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH O WON CHUL

1. FURTHER BACKGROUND FOR YOUR MEETING WITH SECRETARY PERRY.  
I TALKED TO O WON CHUL THIS MORNING ABOUT THE SECRETARY'S  
VISIT. O INDICATED GREAT PLEASURE WITH THE VISIT AND SAID  
THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS VERY PLEASED WITH O'S REPORT ON HIS  
CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY PERRY. WE DISCUSSED AT SOME  
LENGTH THE LIST OF SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS THAT HAD BEEN  
MENTIONED TO THE SECRETARY. O INDICATED THAT NOT ALL OF  
THEM WOULD NECESSARILY SEE FRUITATION BY WHICH I ASSUME HE  
MEANT HE HAD NOT APPROVED ALL OF THE POSSIBLE PROJECTS. I  
EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT WE TOO HAD A REVIEW PROCESS AND THAT  
SOME OF THESE IDEAS MIGHT THEREFORE FALL OUT.

2. O WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THREE POINTS:

A. THE QUALITY OF ROK DEFENSE INDUSTRIES. I POINTED OUT  
TO HIM THAT ALTHOUGH WE HAD NOTED SOME PROBLEMS,  
IN LIGHT OF ROK'S PROVEN CAPABILITY TO PRODUCE QUALITY  
GOODS, I DID NOT CONSIDER THIS TO BE A MAJOR PROBLEM.

B. OPPORTUNITY TO PRODUCE LOW-LEVEL HARDWARE AND AMMO  
FOR SALE TO THE U.S. OR THIRD COUNTRIES. I TOLD HIM  
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THIS WAS AN ISSUE THAT WAS STILL BEING CON-  
SIDERED, BUT THAT IT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AT LENGTH WITH  
DRSM PERRY AND GARBER WHILE THEY WERE HERE.

C. TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS ABOVE AND BEYOND THAT INCLUDED  
IN DEA'S. I TOLD HIM THAT I THOUGHT THERE WERE SOME  
POSSIBILITIES IN THIS AREA IN LIGHT OF THE COMMENTS

THAT DR. PERRY HAD MADE BOTH TO HIM AND TO OTHERS.

3. O ENDED THE CONVERSATION ON DEFENSE INDUSTRIES  
BY MAKING A STRONG PLEA FOR PRIORITY DELIVERY ON TANK  
KITS FOR THE UPGRADING OF THE M-48. HE POINTED OUT THAT  
THE TANKS HAD BEEN DISASSEMBLED AND WERE READY FOR  
THE KITS AND HOPED THAT AT LEAST TEN SETS COULD BE  
DELIVERED VERY SOON.

4. I ALSO DISCUSSED KORI 3 AND 4 WITH HIM AS YOU WILL  
SEE IN SEPTTEL.  
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